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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The proposed settlement of the Microsoft case is welcome news. I understand that the Justice Department is required by law to entertain comments prior to finalizing the settlement. I strongly support the settlement.

It is a shame that this case was filed in the first place. Microsoft is obviously being punished because of its size and its success. It is a shame that jealousy has this steep a price, as Microsoft's competitors are clearly motivated by no other reason.

Microsoft has gone the extra mile to resolve this case. It has agreed to utilize a uniform price list when licensing its Windows systems to the twenty largest computer makers, and it has agreed to less restrictive distribution and licensing agreements with its distributors. Additionally, the Windows system will now be open to competition from other software companies and programs.

I am glad the federal government has seen the need to resolve this matter and move forward. Please stick to your agreement.

cc: Representative Bob Stump

Sincerely,

Blaise Koch
President